(b) if not, the time by which it is likely to be completed;

(c) whether it is proposed to extend the Delhi-Ahmedabad rail line upto Okha in view of the strategic importance of this port;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir. However, some residual works are still in progress and the section is expected to be commissioned during March 1997.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Okha is already linked to Ahmedabad by BG; hence completion of the conversion work will establish the desired link.

(d) By March 1997 above

(e) Does not arise.

Shifting of the Divisional Railway Manager's Office at Hazratganj, Luncknow

*7. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh with regard to the shifting of the Divisional Railway Manager's Office at Hazratganj, Lucknow, to some other place near the Station;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that Divisional Railway Manager's Office is situated at a very prestigious Commercial Centre of Lucknow and this property is worth more than 300 crores of rupees; and

(c) if so, the details of terms and conditions given in the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The office of the Divisional Railway Manager is situated at a central location however, the value of the property is not known.

(c) Does not arise.

Development of new Varieties of cash Crop Seeds

*8. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Agricultural Research Institute has developed some new varieties of cash crop seeds recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States where these new seeds have been used; and

(d) the results likely to be achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Cotton variety— "Pusa B-6" has been identified for late sown conditions in Punjab, Haryana, Northern Rajasthan and Western Uttar Pradesh.

Grape hybrid 'Pusa Navrang' has been developed for Northern India. It is good for making juice and coloured wine.

Bhindi variety 'Okra A-4' a yellow vein mosaic virus resistant variety has been released for the whole country.

Four varieties of Gladioli namely Neelam, Suryakiran, Dhanwantri and Sangervani and five varieties of roses namely Mother Teresa, Nehru Centenary, Dr. S.S. Bhatnagar, Lahar and Chitra have been released.

(d) The above varieties will help in increasing productivity of these crops resulting into higher profitability to the farmers.

Plight of Dyes and Dye Stuff Industries in Gujarat

*9. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the plight of more than one thousand Dyes and Dye stuff industries in Gujarat, which have been experiencing tremendous turmoil due to pollution problems;

(b) whether these industries are required to be audited by National Environmental Engineering Institute on payment of Rs. one lakh per unit;

(c) if so, the reasons for insisting on this payment when these industries have already started construction of common effluent treatment plants at a cost of more than Rs. 30 crores which is nearing completion; and